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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 1, 2005 (Paper No. 10262005) in the above application. This response is being timely filed by May 1, 2006 in view of the simultaneous filing of a Petition for Extension of Time (three months). Further, the finality of the present Office Action has been removed in view of the simultaneous filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows: